

REMARKS

The Office Action sets forth a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 requiring the application to be restricted to one of the following listed groups of claims which have been alleged to be patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to a microchip with an optical element integral with said chip, classified in class 204, subclass 603.
- II. Claims 9-12 and 21-23, drawn to a microchip including deflecting electrodes, classified in class 204, subclass 601.
- III. Claims 15, 16, and 27-29, drawn to a manipulator including surface characteristics which causes the sample to adhere to the manipulator, classified in class 422, subclass 100.
- IV. Claims 17-20, drawn to a holder for a microchip including a sensor unit, classified in class 356, subclass 344.
- V. Claims 24-26, drawn to an analyzing apparatus comprising a holder for a microchip and a lifting unit for the microchip classified in class 346, subclass 43.

Election

Applicant selects Group I without traverse. Claims 1-8 read on the selected invention.

Interview with Examiner

Applicant's representative would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended in the Examiner's Interview held on September 3, 2004. Applicant's representative did not make an election over the telephone. Instead, Applicant's representative requested a paper copy of the restriction requirement.

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CONCLUSION

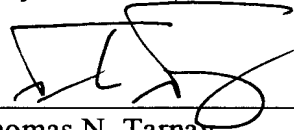
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